

The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on January 28, 1980 with Chairman, Thomas E. Colgan presiding.

As required by Senate Bill No. 256 the following list of the attenders at this meeting is:

Mary Morley	Barbara Fenske	Bertha W. Brooks
Lee Starr	Dave Markell(NV)	Virginia Shaw
Frank Heymenn	Yvonne King	Ethel Monfort
Rae Gerstine	H.W. Monfort	Vera Berk
John Berk	James Southwell	Thomas E. Colgan
William Morley	Gail Rinehart	Marge Roberts
Hugh Roberts	Sherry Custer	Robert Custer
Beatrice Jaffe	Michael Jaffe	E. Shaw
Reese Davis	Mary E. Bradford	Carolyn Liberman
James L. Gulley	John D. Hewitt	William Bindloss
Cy Liberman	Arlene Davis	Paul Thompson
W.E. Davis	William Bailey	Sally Thurston
Mary Ann Stevens	Lynette King	Marianne Cinaglia
Patricia Press	Aaron Hamburger	Sally Hamburger
Ruth Estes	William Press	Bernard Brachman
Woodrow Vandever	Janice Keppler	Terry Ann Colgan
John Grimaldi	Dick Florschutz	Clyde W. Davis
Joan W. Colgan	Elizabeth Varley	Tony Colgan
Alton Dahl	Jean K. Brachman	Pat Renzetti
B. A. Passanante	Linda Shinn	Jim Shinn
Tom Stapleford	Patty Stapleford	Frank Akutowicz
Ruth Shaw	Matthew O'Connor	Joe Patterson
Ruth Panella	Dora Johnson	Beverly Gulley
Richard C. Cecil(NV)	Nancy Badner	Joad Kazan
Don Holcomb	Agnes Harris	Marjorie van Gulick
Norman van Gulick	Lilly Herzog	Frank Herzog
Patricia Gandolfini NV	Michael K. Curtis	

A communication sent by the New Castle County <sup>Department</sup> of Public Safety to Bert Passanante was read. They expressed their appreciation to him for participating in ASK WHY concerning community involvement in fight against crime. Bert represented the Town Watch program.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as circulated

Report from the Trustees by Cy Liberman. The financial report of the Trustees was circulated and approved. A copy is on file.

The Trustees have received an application for a variance for an Arden residence and it is now being considered. The Trustees met with representatives of the County Police and Richard C. Cecil, our County Representative, concerning need for more police patrol in Arden. Since the meeting on January 7, 1980 there has been an increase in patrols.

Mr. Cecil presented the following statistics compiled by Col. Valiante, Chief of Police. In 1979 the police spent 173 hours and 23 minutes handling complaints. This does not include routine patrols or other services required. In 1979 there were 16 reported burglaries in the three Ardens. 14 thefts were reported. 28 reported incidents of criminal mischief; 15 to vehicles, 11 to residences and 2 incidents of turfing. Since the establishment of Town Watch in March, 1979 Burglaries has decreased 42.1%, theft has decreased 26.6% and criminal



mischievous has increased 40%. Richard Cecil was thanked for his interest and aid in combatting our problems.

It was suggested that the Trustees have a special board to adopt policy of approving variances. The Trustees were requested to get in touch with the State Police to enforce speed limits on Harvey road as directed by the Town Assembly.

Board of Assessors will hold an open meeting on February 20. Report accepted

Budget Committee report by William Press. The special \$5000. for police protection proposed for the 1979 budget was defeated. The \$10,000. for police and the \$18,000. for trash collected for the 1980-81 budget was defeated; therefore the Budget deficit is \$7,855 instead of \$35,855. Report accepted.

Report for the Civic Committee by Reese Davis: Committee has held two open meetings since the September meeting. Trash collection service by Hope's Suburban Garbage was terminated at the end of October due to continuing poor service. We were able to contract with Laxton Enterprises to complete the fiscal year service at essentially the same cost. We feel that Laxton has performed in an outstanding manner. This service will stop as of March 24, because the unfavorable outcome on the Budget referendum.

Wayne Kershaw will provide the snow plowing and road sanding service.

Approximately 29 new road signs have recently installed at various intersections.

Because of the continuing construction on Mill Lane, the Civic Committee elected to terminate the road maintenance program without completing the planned top surfacing of Mill Lane. We are carrying over into 1980 more than the usual funds for the road budget.

Because of the increased use of wood burning stoves, the committee is aware of the increased danger to the Arden woods from people cutting down standing trees. Under new business, the committee will introduce an amendment to Ordinance #4-"Use of Commons. Report accepted.

Motion was made and carried unanimously to suspend the order of business to discuss the problem of town trash collection:

The following motion was made by Norman vanGulick and seconded by William Bailey" I move that a special referendum be called to

1. reinstate trash collection on the town budget for the next budget year, beginning March 25, 1980, and
2. Authorize the Trustees to use town funds for said service.

The trash collection would have to come out of the surplus for 1980-81. It must be put for bid to ~~the lowest~~ bidder that can supply the service we need.

Virginia Shaw stated that there is a fantastic range in prices that leaseholders pay for garbage collection. The amount is not the same for each leaseholder because of sizes of leasehold. There must be a raise in the assessments to cover cost. She pointed out that the following lots would pay for garbage factor:

6500 sq. feet -\$36., 10,000 Sq. Ft. -\$48., 40,000 sq. ft. \$162.00, 40,000 sq.ft. with 2 dom, 1wood-\$215.



Hugh Roberts stated that this would a yearly item on the budget and will not go over from year to year. Many people felt that the reason for garbage collection by the town made economic sense, because most leaseholders will save money.

It was pointed out that the referendum has to state a specific sum of money in order to send it to referendum.

B. Passanante proposed the following amended accepted by the original motioners. "Amend the motion to include the amount up to \$22,000. for trash collection. The motion passed 59 aye to 9 nays.

The amended motion is as follows: I move that a special referendum be called to:

1. Reinstate trash collection on the town budget for the next budget year beginning March 25, 1980 and
  2. Authorize the Trustees to use town fund for said service up to \$22,000.
- Motion passed with 61 aye and 9 nays.

Community Planning Committee report by Cy Liberman.

They are planning an annual clean up of the woods on April 26 and are going to ask residents to clean up their properties by May 18, 1980, the date of Arden 80th birthday.

The Committee is working up a permanent display case that can be used to outline history of Arden, and material of interest in the development of Arden.

They are also planning to replace trees on the Greens.

Registration Committee report was made by Virginia Shaw. Ballots were mailed to 412 eligible voters on the 16th of October and counted on October 30. 284 people voted, 68.9% of those eligible. Assessors are: Harold Monfort, Cy Liberman, Eugene Shaw, John Grimaldi, William Press, Aaron Hamburger, and Elizabeth Varley. The budget must be approved by a majority of all eligible voters in this case 207 votes. All items of the budget passed except the trash collection and paid security service beginning in March 1980.

Separate proposals to provide paid security service for November to March 1980 and to add 10% to the assessment for 1980/81 both failed. At present there are 410 eligible voters. The report accepted.

Safety Committee report by Thomas Stapleford. Details of safety problems cited by Cy Liberman and Richard Cecil. A noise ordinance disturbance was taken to magistrate court and the family was fined. Since that time the noise has abated, but some of the young people have moved to another site. It is gratifying to note that when neighbors get together, it is possible to correct some of the town problems. Town Watch is working well and more surveillance by the police is helping.

It was suggested that we get Tot Finder signs from the Fire Company to put on doors to alert to children in case of fires. Report accepted.

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee report submitted by Elizabeth Varley: Annual Ardens Christmas Sale was held on December 9 and was a success. A display easel and chalkboard and paper has been purchased for use by classes and town committees. Curtains are going to be made to replace the bamboo screens on the alcove on stage right.



The school was broken into in December, but fortunately several items were recovered including the kiln. The report was accepted.

Advisory Committee report by Hugh Robers: The insurance committee has met and they are collecting information in order to make suggestions.

The nominations for committee are as follows, but nominations can be made from the floor:

Auditing Committee: William Bailey, William Bindloss\*, Alton Dahl, Elvie Grima<sup>ldi</sup>, James Shinn\*, James Southwell

Budget Committee: William Bindloss\*, Jack Bovard, Ruth Estes, Ruth Panella\*

Civic Committee: Donald Holcomb, Joad Kazan\*, John Landis, Eugene Shaw\*

Community Planning Committee: Bernard Brachman, Richard Florschutz\*, Sandra Hurlong, Patricia Renzetti\*

Registration Committee: Barbara Fenske, Beverly Gulley, Beatrice Jaffe\*, Carolyn Liberman\*, Virginia Shaw, Lee Starr and from the floor; Agnes Harris

Safety Committee: Frank Herzog, Bert Passanante and from the floor, John Berk and Warren Davis

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee: Alton Dahl, Gary Jones, Marjorie van Gulick, Elizabeth Varley\* and from the floor-Joan W. Colgan

Playground Committee: Marianne Cincaglia\*, Jo Ann Davies, Finn Hannover Paul Owens.

Chairman of Town Assembly: Thomas Colgan withdrew from nomination, William Press and from the floor Michael Curtis

Advisory Committee Chairman: Aaron Hamburger, Hugh Roberts\*

Secretary of Town Assembly-Mary Morley

Treasurer of Town Assembly-Rae Gerstine

Playground Committee report by Frank Haymenn: Met twice during this quarter primarily to discuss planning concepts and legal liability.

Avoid equipment that moves because of accident potential

Arrange equipment to avoid traffic at cross purposes, and to enhance safe movement from place to place.

Find ways to make better use of existing equipment

Balance safety with providing a range of physical experience

Meet town's most frequent request for more toddler equipment

Legal liability. Request legal advice from the Trustees, town officers and our insurance agent re; extent to which we are liable for bodily injury on playground equipment.

Vandalism includes grafetti, slashes on swing seats, turfing on greens

Maintenance carried out. Spent to date 1184.06. Balance left 15.94.

Report accepted.

80th Birthday Committee by William Press. Plans are coming along nicely. Letters will be sent to former residents, there will plants for sale, craft exhibit, dinner, entertainment.

The first reading of the proposed amendment to Ordinance<sup>4</sup> Use of Commons. New addition of a new section 4 as follows:

No person shall fell a standing tree (dead or living) in the forests or common lands without possessing written authorization from the Civic Committee. Removal of wood from fallen trees in the forests shall be restricted to residents of Arden. Existing sections 4, 5, 6, 7 shall be renumbered Sections 5, 6, 7, 8.

Motion made to secure the immediate effectiveness of this proposed amendment, it was proposed that the entire paragraph be inserted as Rule #6 in Rules for use of Arden Commons. Existing rule #6 shall become #7. Motion carried unanimously.

The Town Assembly made a resolution to extend the sympathy of the Assembly to Connie Harada, on the sad death of her granddaughter, Cathy Hone and Cathy's children.

A resolution of sympathy was sent to Betty Rupert, Cathy Hone's mother.

The sympathy of the town was sent to Regina Rosin and her family at Morris Rosin's death.

The meeting on motion adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Morley*  
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Secretary